Express Mail Label No. ER521778580US

FEB 1 4 2004 % []

N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Gary K. Michelson
Serial No.: 09/921,851
Filed: August 3, 2001
Serial No.: METHOD FOR FORMING A

For: METHOD FOR FORMING A)
SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE)
CONFIGURATION (as amended))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED
FEB 2 5 2004
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In reply to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

METHOD FOR FORMING A SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE CONFIGURATION